

1943

The Regional Library Board meeting was held in the Y.M.C.A. Building, ^{1943?} Wednesday afternoon, January 13th. at 3:00 o'clock. In the absence of Chairman, Mr. B.M. Grier, Mrs. J.J. Wilkins, Jr. Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order. The roll was called by Sec. Mrs. E.O. Cabaniss, the following answered to roll call:

Mrs. J.W. Baily (Clarke)	Mr. W.H. Ashford (Oconee)
Mrs. J.J. Wilkins, Jr. (Clarke)	Mr. B.E. Faust (Oglethorpe)
Miss Elizabeth Hale (Oconee)	Mrs. E.O. Cabaniss (Oglethorpe)

Mrs. Wilkins, Jr. told about WPA service being discontinued March 18 - 1943 afterwards Mrs. Bell, Regional Librarian, was asked to discuss the Annual Report. Mrs. J.W. Baily of Athens, made motion that the Annual Report be accepted and made part of the minutes of the meeting, seconded by Mr. W.H. Ashford, Oconee County, motion carried. Mrs. Bell gave proposed Budget for 1943. Budget discussed by members. (Mr. Grier, Chairman, came at 4:30PM, budget discussed with him. Mr. Mell came at 4:45PM) Motion was made by Mrs. Wilkins that the proposed budget, which was given by Mrs. Bell be accepted as a provisional budget, to be submitted to the proper financing agencies of each county and was seconded by Mr. Ashford. Mr. Faust made motion that same Officers be elected. Mr. Gear being away in Army, Mrs. Wilkins was nominated Co-Vice Chairman by Mrs. E.O. Cabaniss, seconded by Mr. Ashford, motion carried.

Mr. Grier was asked to see the State Officials about an increase in Library Funds. The Chairman appointed Mrs. Baily and Mrs. Wilkins to see Dr. Sanford about Army and Navy Funds to be used for Library Service.

The Athens Members of the Board were asked to meet with Mayor McWhorter and the Commissioners Friday afternoon, January 15th. if a meeting could be arranged at that time and discuss Clarke County Funds.

No other business - meeting was adjourned.

March 25, 1943

The Clark County Library Board met at 9:30 at a called meeting in Mr. Pearson's office at the YMCA. Bailey, Mell, Greir, Wilkins, Maret and Spence were present.

Minutes were read and approved.

Discussion of employees of library. Miss Maret read list of people now employed by WPA in the library: Mrs. Della Bone, Miss Alma Hughes, Mr. J.T. Young, Miss Winnie Hopkins, Miss Bertha Kate Davidson and Mrs. Billie Honea.

Mr Mell made motion that library be kept open temporarily retaining all persons except Miss Davidson and they be kept at present salaries until a meeting of the Regional Library Board shall be held and the Board will know the amount of money we have to operate on. The Regional Library Board will permanently fix salaries at that time. The reduction in personnel is being made because of lack of funds to retain all the employees. Mrs. Bailey seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. WPA salaries are 62.50 for four weeks or approximately \$68.00 per calendar month.

It was moved and seconded that Miss Davidson be dropped temporarily. Motion carried.

A meeting of the Regional Library Board was set for Tuesday Afternoon April 13, 1943 at 4:00 o'clock Eastern War Time.

Meeting Adjourned.

R Respectfully submitted,

The Regional Library Board meeting was held in the Y.M.C.A. Building, Tuesday afternoon, April 13, 1943 at 4:00 o'clock Eastern War Time. Meeting was called to order by the Chariman.

The following members were present:

Mr. B.M.Grier (Clarke)	Mr. Frank Watson (Ocone)
Mrs. J.J.Wilkins Jr.(Clarke)	Miss Elizabeth Hale (Ocone)
Mrs. J.W.Bailey (Clarke)	Mrs. E.O.Cabaniss (Oglethorpe)
Mr. T.S.Mell (Clarke)	Mr. W.G.Howard (Oglethorpe)

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Miss Maret, Acting Regional Librarian, gave financial report. As of 3/31/43 the library had a balance in the bank of \$2,205.21. Outstanding checks amounted to \$181.88. On hand for deposit was \$86.68. Outstanding bills amounted to \$174.58.

The budget for 1943 was discussed. Miss Maret was asked to obtain allotment of book fund for each county, from Mr. Hubbard, State Director of Library and Text-book Fund.

Mr. Grier made a recommendation that the Board accept budget from Jan. 1, 1943 to July 1, 1943. Mr Mell made motion to accept budget as it is now written, with exception of assistant librarian, and of books, until July 1, 1943. Motion seconded by Mrs. Wilkins. Motion carried.

Personnel for the region was discussed. Recommendations as were made by Mrs. Bell were read by Miss Maret. Mr. Mell made motion that the Board accept the personnel as was recommended. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Cabaniss. Motion carried.

The following persons were elected in each of the libraries:

ATHENS

Miss Alma Hughes

Mrs. Della Bone

ATHENS (Con't)

Miss Winnie Hopkins

Mr. J.T. Young

Mrs. Lillie Honea

ATHENS- DUNBAR BRANCH- NEGRO BRANCH

Roxie Jarrell

LEXINGTON

Mrs. Claire Martin

WATKINSVILLE

Mrs. Carrie Hussie

BOGART

(To be filled by the sponsors and Board member from Bogart)

Miss Maret recommended that since the personnel in the Athens Library had gone from 30 to 48 hours work per week that the salary passed on be retroactive to March 26, 1943. Motion made, seconded, and carried.

Motion made by Mr. Mell that Mrs. Honea be paid for work which she did in the Athens Library from March 19th to March 25th, which amounted to \$15.60.

Recommended by Miss Maret that the bookmobile driver be employed three weeks out of the month and be paid \$60.00 per month. Motion made by Mr. Heward, seconded by Miss Hale. Motion carried.

No other business - meeting was adjourned.

April 13, 1943,

May 21, 1943

The Clarke County Library Board met in the office of the Y.M.C.A. Building at 9:30.

The following were present: Mr. Grier, Mr. Mell, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Wilkins and Miss Maret.

Discussion of Mrs. Bell's resignation.

Discussion of Miss Davidson's offer to work part time in library, free. No action was taken but it was decided to refer this to the Regional Board.

Mrs. Wilkins was authorized to write Miss Wheatcroft to come to meeting when she has names to present for Director. Contract should be signed with new Director to actually stay.

The matter of hospital service to General Hospital was discussed. Motion made to reoffer service to this hospital and ~~XX~~ if they wished to have it continue they would so indicate. Motion was made by Mrs. Wilkins and seconded by Mrs. Bailey. If they did not wish the service then service might be offered to Saint Mary's and the Navy Hospital.

Miss Maret was given authority to employ a bookmobile driver.

No other business. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Athens, Ga.
July 5, 1943

Mr. B. M. Grier
Athens, Ga.

Dear Mr. Grier:

A meeting of the Athens Regional Library Board will be held Wednesday Morning, July 14, at 10:00 A.M. Eastern War Time in the office of the Y.M.C.A. Building, Athens, Ga. We sincerely hope you can be present at this time .

Yours very truly,

Sarah E. Maret, Acting Director
Athens Regional Library

Copies sent to:
Mrs. J.W.Bailey
Mr. J.Ovid Bird
Mrs. J.J.Wilkins, Jr.
Mr. T.S.Mell
Mr. Frank Watson
Miss Elizabeth Hale
Mrs. A.E.Porter
Mr. W.H.Ashford
Mrs. C.E.Anthony
Mrs. W.G. Calloway
Mr. W.G.Howard
Mrs. Luther Harris
Mr. B.E.Faust
Mrs. E.O.Cabaniss
Dr. J.Frank Hammett
Mayor Robert L. McWhorter
Mr. E.N.Anthony

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McWhorter 2061
Elder 2377

July 14, 1943

The Regional Library Board Meeting was held in the Y.M.C.A. Building, Wednesday Afternoon, July 14, 1943 at 12:30 o'clock, Eastern War Time. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The following members were present:

Mr. B.M.Grier (Clarke)	Mayor Robert L. McWhorter (Clarke)
Mrs. J.J.Wilkins (Clarke)	Mr. Harry Elder (Clarke)
Mrs. J.W.Bailey (Clarke)	Mr. W.H.Ashford (Oconee)
Mr. T.S.Mell (Clarke)	

Miss Beverly Wheatcroft, Representing the State Department of Education, and Mrs. Mildred Wheatley of Atlanta were also present.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Nominating Committee, composed of Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Bailey presented the name of Mrs. Mildred Wheatley of Atlanta for the position of Regional Director. Motion was made by Mayor McWhorter to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee. Motion seconded by Mr. Ashford. Discussion. Motion carried.

A salary of \$2100 with an additional \$300 for traveling expenses was approved.

Miss Wheatcroft brought a message from the State Department of Education and from Mr. Hubbard that funds had been set up by the Department to continue assistance for the Library Director's salary.

Mayor McWhorter made a resolution expressing appreciation for the Acting Director, Miss Maret's services.

Motion was made by Mr. Mell that the Library Director might have a vacation of not more than thirty days and that the time of said vacation might be arranged between the Director and the Library Board. Vacation is to be

taken ^{with} ~~on~~ full pay. Mayor McWhorter seconded motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Miss Maret made the semi-annual report on the condition of the library. The Budget and the expenses of the library were presented. Mrs. Wilkins made motion to adopt the budget as it was presented, from July 1st to December 31st and to ratify all expenditures made previously for 1943. Mr. Ashford seconded motion. Motion carried.

No other business. Meeting was adjourned.

July 16, 1943

Copies of these minutes together with the budget ^{the semi-annual report} and sheet showing amount of money due from each county were sent to:

Miss Elizabeth Hale

Mrs. A.E.Porter

Mrs. C.E.Anthony

Mrs. W.G.Calloway

Mr. W.G.Howard

Mrs. Luther Harris

Mr. BeE.Faust

Mrs. E.O.Cabaniss

Oct. 28, 1943

The Clarke County Library Board met at 10:00 in the office of the Y.M. C. A. for a called meeting. Those present: Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Wheatley, Miss Wyatt, Mr. Mell, and Mr. Elder.

Letter of resignation from Mr. Grier was read to the Board. Motion made that since Mr. Grier could no longer serve his resignation be accepted. Motion carried. Mr. Pell nominated Mrs. Jack Wilkins Chairman of the Library Board. Unanimous affirmative vote of Board members present. Mrs. Wilkins accepted office.

Discussion followed of question of enlarged library board. Motion made by Mr. Elder that board be enlarged to ten; seconded by Mr. Mell. Carried. Names of persons interested in the library and representing different sections of the city and county were suggested for election by the Council.

Question of library evening hours raised by Mr. Mell and discussed. Reasons for closing at 7:00 P. M. were given: lack of use at night by actual count, small staff, and the leaving of the Signal Corps for whose use the evening hours had been started.

Discussion of library referendum, reasons for having, and the advantages of introducing in the Primary or in the General election. Problem in the hands of the Mayor and of the Council. Publicity plans made for referendum. Motion made by Mrs. Wilkins that publicity committee be named to plan talks and newspaper articles. Seconded by Mr. Mell. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Wyatt
Acting Secretary

Nov. 30, 1943

The Clark County Library Board met at 10:00 o'clock in the office of the Y.M.C.A. Those present: Mrs. Shadgutt, Mr. Mell, Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. Wheatley, Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Bailey, Miss Wyatt.

Discussion of referendum plans. Mrs. Wilkins read article for Banner-Herald signed by Mr. Abit Nix. Plans were made for additional publicity and approach to voters.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Wyatt
Acting Secretary